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THE POET'S PARADISE.

The following poem is descriptive of a romantic garden scene, which the author was invited to visit, by the two lady proprietresses. It stands on the margin of a bright and beautiful stream, the opposite shore of which, is skirted with meadows, and bordered with shrubbery and weeping willows, the reflections of which in the water by moonlight, are picturesque and pleasing. A splendid farm-house dimly seen in the distance, and beyond it a long line of dark wooded lands in perspective, completes the grand outlines of a front view of the landscape. To the right the bold stream gracefully sweeps upwards, carrying at right angles, its broad bosom a swing with its golden light which the departed sun leaves blushing on the brow of night, till it reaches the *mill-pond*, from which the town takes its name. To the left the rude bridge is seen in the distance, beyond which, the grassy shelving bluffs lift their tall mass against the eastern sky, and the wandering stream, like an erring child of mortality, pursues in its flowery course, the objects it can never overtake or attain.

The fair Goddess of the night had just ascended in her silver car above the eastern hills, and was struggling, like beauty enveloped in her veil, behind the light fleecy folds of a cloud, when, with the two ladies, and accompanied by a gentleman, I descended the garden, and passing through a Turkish Kiosk, or summer-house, seated myself beneath the umbrageous shadow of a large fruit tree, which spreads its low branches many feet around. What poet would not here be inspired, while gazing on a beautiful gondola, gliding like a spirit on the bosom of the waters, and listening to the notes of the gay guitar touched by a the lady's hand, as the strains were answered by Echo on her silver shell, and died away in the grove?

Awake, sweet harp of song, awake,
And hail thy gold-en numbers break
On beauty's ear—
Awake—Romance is in the bowers,
And Fancy on her throne of flowers,
Is lingering here—
Sweet Echo in her sylvan cell,
Hath caught thy song upon her shell—
The Naiad nymphs in coral grotes,
Are telling all their tender loves—
The Muses in yon shady bowers,
Are listening to the laughing Hours,
As they repeat,
This moonlight night,
Sweet Fancy's season and her power.

'Tis night—the glorious orb of all,
With gold hath gilt yon airy fold—
The full moon high in Heaven's hall,
Hath hung her silver shield—
Like bridal beauty 'midst her throng,
The gay Diana moves among
Her airy train, along the skies
That look on earth, like angel's eyes
Peeping at beauty and at bliss,
And sighing for a scene like this—
Where wand'ring fairy groves of green,
Their fairy feet might stray,
And with the angel woman, dream
A life of love away.

When fair Aurora, maid of morn
Unlocks the golden gates of day,
And rays of rosy light, adorn
The green fields far away—
'Tis sweet to sit by some lone stream,
And of our happier days to dream;
But sweeter far, in this gay grove,
Sacred to silence and to love,
It is to sit at evening's hour,
And mark the moonbeams pierce the bower,
And thro' the Kiosk, softly steal
To woo the flowers, and to reveal
The feelings known in yonder sphere,
Where other beings greet us here.

'Tis night, and 'neath the silvery wave,
The moon's fair face is seen—
The willows in the waters lave,
And yonder banks of green,
And yonder bridge, and house and hill,
And Heaven's wide hall, sublimer still,
Are, like some picture, vast and wide,
Mirror'd beneath the placid tide,
As tho' some giant painter there,
Had fixed his gallery in air,
And moved the globe away, to give
A space wherein his art might live.

See, Anna, see yon bubble bright,
That floats upon the billow's breast—
'Tis studded with the stars of night—
All Heaven is pictured there in light,
And mock us upon its breast,
The fairest scenes of earth are drawn—
Look, Mary, look, 'tis broke—'tis gone—
'Tis thus with hope—in earlier years,
We love what we know, or sighs or tears,
We look upon the bubble bright,
So rich in pictured life and light,
And grasp—but ah, there's nothing there—
'Tis broke—'tis gone—and we despair.

Oh, for a gondola, to glide
Upon those brilliant waves this hour—
Soft music murmuring o'er the tide,
To sweet guitar or lute allied—
Waked by some lady's power—
On such a night as this, 'twere sweet
To visit yonder green retreat,
That like an island fairy, rise,
Surges ded in the boiseless skies,
And there, an hour
In fancy's power,
With hearts we love, and souls we prize,
To think of those, tho' far away,
Whom we have known in pleasure's day,
And dream awhile we taste of bliss,
Unknown in such a world as this—
And that we gaze
Again on eyes that once could wake
The soul to transport, and partake
The heart's warm wishes and its bliss—
The long embrace and lover's fond kiss,
And friendship's praise.

Hark! music floats upon the air—
The light wave breaks upon the shore—
List! list! a light bark paddles there—
I hear the muffled oar—
See, see how o'er the glassy stream
It passes, like a noonday dream—
Softly it bends into the wind,
Yet leaves no trace of its track behind—
Thus o'er the stream of life we glide,
And leave no track upon its tide—
Hark! hark! the lay—
The God-like bath waked his song—
How swiftly flies the lark along—
He comes this way—
We are in Venice—at this hour,
The lover seeks his lady's bower—
He comes to weave in moonlight grove,
A garland for his lady love—
He comes to claim her lattice shade,
To sing to-night her serenade—
Oh, now his fingers touch the lute—
The air is still, the waves are mute—
Methinks an angel might, to hear
Such notes from Heaven, incline her ear,
So sweetly now, they rise above,
Dying in languishment and love—
See! nearer comes the gondolier,
And down the avenue
The lady steals, to greet him here,
And then to bid adieu.

Mark on the shore that manly frame—
He flies to meet her matchless charms—
Their hearts have met in mutual flame—
She lies entranced within his arms—
Oh, let me catch
The spirit of the scene, and feel
The joys which lover's hearts reveal,
When breathing in a moonlight grove,
Their vows of luxury and love.
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But hark! I think 'twas Charley spoke—
The vision's gone—the dream is broke—
It was but fancy's sketch—
That lady is no longer here,
And gone the graceful gondolier—
The song and serenade are mute,
And hushed the sweet lay of the lute—
The tiny bark hath left the shore,
And Fancy's brilliant reign is o'er.

MILFORD BARD.

To the Editor of the Saturday Evening Post.

In looking over an old English work, supposed to be upward of an hundred years old, I came across the following, which seems to me so appropriate to the present time. I have sent you a copy; if you consider it worthy a place in your columns, you will confer a favour by publishing it.

THE ENGLISHMAN'S WISH.

Curse be the wretch that's bought and sold,
And barters liberty for gold!
For, when election is not free,
In vain we boast of liberty:
And he who sells his single right,
Would sell his country's, if he might.

When Liberty is put to sale,
For wage, for money, or for ale,
The sellers must be abject slaves—
The buyers vile, designing knaves:
It was a proverb been of old,
The Devil's bought, but to be sold.

This maxim, in the statesman's school,
Is always taught—Divide and Rule;
All parties are to him a joke—
While statesmen, he knows, he has the yoke:
When men their reason once resume,
'Tis then the statesman's turn to fume.

Learn, learn, ye Britons, to unite—
Leave off the old exploded bite!
Henceforth let Whig and Tory cease,
And turn all party rage to peace;
If—see, and revive your ancient glory,
Union, and drive the world before ye!

From the Portland Advertiser.

BROOK'S LETTERS.

AN AMERICAN IN AN ENGLISH STEAMBOAT.—No. XXXIII.

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Detained in London beyond all my calculations, and who will not be detained there by an world of wonders? I made at last a strong effort to break away for a trip, on, and over the continent,—and now, you see, I am in the dominions of his Dutch majesty, after a passage across the channel of only 36 hours, which an American steamboat, however, would have performed in half the time. In the European world it does not take long to change from kingdom to kingdom, and one sees, in a very brief time, "finish up" half a dozen of them, not counting him more so much to travel as it comes to run over some of our states. To get out of England, upon the continent, the traveller must do something more than when he leaves the United States,—for not only is a passport indispensable (which, by the way, is better than *well* to have before you leave home)—but an American chargé or consul in London, must give it his "*Vu a Legation*," &c. but if you go to Holland for example, you must have also the "*Vu a legation de S. M. le Roi des Pays Bas*." No country in the world, I believe, but the United States, has thoroughly done with this trumpery. England has done much toward it, and no man needs a passport to pass over (first) Britain; but the alien, however, is threatened with "fine and imprisonment," unless he declares himself at the alien office,—a threat, by the way, that no sensible alien troubles himself about, for in England people obey only such of the laws as it suits their rulers to put in execution, and the rulers now seem to have come to the conclusion that there is not much need of enforcing them.

I bade adieu to London, its thickly crowded streets, and its more thickly crowded Thames, on the morning of the 5th at 6 o'clock, and soon after our steamer, the "*Sir Edward Banks*," was winding her way through the fleet on this little river, with all the skill, that the best American ship could use in threading the thoroughfare of Broadway. My landlady in London, to whom on parting I made myself known as an American, (giving her an American coin, with our eagle upon it, as a token of the thankfulness I felt for many little kindnesses) expressed her surprise that I was from that land of country, for, said she, "you speak English just as we do, and I never should have known it"—a compliment I can assure you I did not value so much as I might; because the good landlady and her household had that cockney pronunciation of our mother tongue, which never us d an h, and which without ceremony would turn a *house* into an *ouse*, and a *hat* day into an *at ay*, in such a manner that my senses were often wandering through her sentences to guess out her meaning. I believe I have not told you before, that in London, the greater part of the travelling population resorting there, who intend to make any stay, just select lodgings, that is a bed room and a setting room, where they breakfast only, and make their head quarters, always dining at the coffee house or "dining out." Thus I had become quite expert in making tea and coffee, for we always made it ourselves, the hot water alone being given us,—and in this manner, after my companion had left me some ten days ago for Brussels, and—I don't know where else—I made many a solitary breakfast, *a la Anglois*, etc. mumbling my excellent London loaf of bread, all alone, all that I have now changed, and am again commencing a new life. I am quite alone in my journeying. As I was going down the Thames, true I met an American clergyman from New York, with his daughter, wending his way to the continent, but his plans were so different from mine that we are already parted,—and I know not how far he is in advance of me.

Our steamer as usual was nothing extraordinary. In America we should have used her as a mud digger in the rivers, or the highest promotion she could have had, would have been as the tower of other craft. They were on board some 50 or 70 passengers, and but twenty berths at the most to accommodate all, and yet she is one of his majesty's "mail boats" to the continent. Our company was made up of the specimens of the different materials, which such a population can well display, and in large quantities too. Here, was a fellow too big in feeling to tread the decks of the little steamer, twirling his nose and snuffing the air—with the rudeness of manner toward all, that always mark the vulgar, even if well dressed man. There was one of those true English gentlemen, all simplicity, all kindness, with his family and his servants around him, starting with his own carriage to pass all the way to Switzerland from the middle Rhine, making no fuss at all, answering all your inquiries, and doing much to oblige you. Now, you met one of those English naval officers, who, from commanding all on board their own ship, think they may command all on board of other people's ships, and thus become rude and surly, needing an insult from every passer by, at least as often as once in ten minutes. The mustachioed continental officer was pacing the decks here. The tripping Frenchman there.—The rough thick-built Dutchman was smoking far aft as the steamer would permit,—and the newly married husband with his lady love, now whispering (I dare say) in another remote corner, of their happiness that is, and is *to be*, at least in their own imagination, as they run away from friends at home to hide their nuptials abroad, as if it were a crime to marry. I watched all, for I felt quite alone, and should have been sad in this loneliness, but for the attention thus forced upon me. The feast of all languages" seemed to be spread about, and I was gathering that few I could of "the scraps."—The Frenchman slipt out his words with an ease and a volubility amazing to me. The Dutchman made all manner of faces as he jerked out his rough and unmanageable consonants. The German was far smoother tongued. The English sounded as the dignified medium of all. The little gib Italian chanted his delicious syllables, as if his language was not made to talk but to chant,—and then the Castilian came in with his full sounding periods so much softer than the German, so much more dignified than the Italian or French, so free from the clipped hissing syllables of the English.

How could all these languages have been formed thus on one continent—and here we had them all spoken at once.—I was surprised at the facility with which some few of our passengers would change from one to the other, and then run through all—with what correctness, I am sure I cannot say. One young man, not over twenty-two, spoke each of these, I remarked, except English, and this, he observed, "no Christian man could learn to speak in such a manner as not to be laughed at"—and therefore he would never speak it at all, though he read it well, and fully understood it when pronounced. Every body, I also remarked, spoke French—every body of any pretensions—for not to be able to speak French in England, is a mark that you have received a mean education, and it is almost as disgraceful as with us would be bad orthography, or the inability to read with ease. Hence every Englishman, woman, or little urchin, on board our steamer, speaks French, which seems to be the common medium of exchange in communication, just as gold or silver is in the mercantile world. French enables you to ask with every well dressed man you meet, wherever you meet him, no matter from what quarter of the world he has come, America alone except? Placed thus in such a situation, (I can assure you it was no pleasant one)—for just as an American would feel who does not know how to write, I felt when I saw at times all o ehers thus enjoying a conversation to which I could only listen, and then guess out the meaning, for like many other Americans, who have received "an education," I can read French with ease and pleasure—I can murder it in conversation, and understand it when spoken slowly, or when pronounced with an English accent; but to murder any language before others who speak it well, is an act one will seldom be guilty of, if he knows what he is doing. And as for understanding the confusion of vowels and consonants that Frenchmen themselves make, that is altogether beyond my power, in their animated conversation. Hundreds of Americans, who come over here, are in my situation. This picture of the condition of one, may do some good to thousands at home; and therefore I have given it. I always endeavour in conversation here, by explaining our remote position from all these *European* tongues, and the few opportunities which we have in many centred the United States of ever hearing these languages well spoken, to account for our inability to speak them, though we read them, or many of them; but the Englishman will not understand how it is that an uneducated American does not speak a language which is even a part of *his* education, and which is ever necessary to him, situated as he is on the very borders of a continent where they are spoken—forgetting that we are three thousand miles off, and that is hundreds and hundreds of our towns, and in very many of our colleges, a French word is never spoken without being Anglicized.

I need not draw a further picture of our motley company, as our steamer paddled down the Thames—for the volubility of such a company all well fancy for themselves, and how that volubility was suddenly silenced, as the white waves of the English channel came rushing around us, bringing a paleness on every face, it needs no description to conceive. In common with many Englishmen, I admired the ingenious management of our steward, who spread out his tempting dinner viands full three hours earlier than the English dinner hour, so as to but well the eager runners for the *table d'hote*, before sea sickness came upon them. The hitherto voluble dealer in wine now retailed at length upon piles of carpet bags. The chattering English miss would now hardly ejaculate an *aye* or *no*. Every nook and corner was filled by some one seeking to hide his head. The roguish sailors as they passed along, and witnessed the misery, would only change the location of their quids of tobacco from one side of the mouth to the other, as they sneeringly pitied our sad condition. Soon the decks were cleared of the women, and but here and there a man-lingerer was left—a pale monument of what is gained in *travelling for pleasure*. I should do wrong, however, to pass over a somewhat queer discussion which I held from Gravesend to Margate, with some English gentlemen—one of whom, a sightly, as he was discourse on English politics with a wing. I fell upon and interrupted, as he was warmly contending for his political side of the question, and supporting his argument with the declaration "that he loves despotism and democracy, as an unambitious man desires only of enjoyment and peace, he should prefer the refinement and elegance of the court of the Russian autocrat to the vulgarity of the American democracy—that is, he would rather live in St. Petersburgh than in the United States! That was a little too much even for the calm training I have over given myself in all political matters; and no answer was it intended, than I broke upon the gentleman's ear, and soon had every auditory the whole English part of the passengers, men, women, nurses, boys, maids, servants, and all; for I can assure you that with a certain path of English society, particularly that of the higher orders, there is as much curiosity to see a native American, as there would be to see an American Indian—say *Black Hawk*, for example; and if the native American does really deserve, in their estimation, to associate with gentlemen, no Englishman will receive half so much civility and kindness,—for, in the first place, they are surprised at the existence of such an anomaly as an American gentleman—and in the next place, they are so diplomatically ignorant of every thing that concerns us, that whenever an American well-acquainted with all the states of his own country, can answer all their questions, (and as constant reference is now made in parliament to our political system, they are eager in putting them,) they will receive him with extra kindness and extra attention—studying him, I call it, as they would a new book, in a new language, so as to learn its contents.—Indeed, I was amused not a little by this, the last week I was in London; for an article that I had written upon American affairs, and sent to a newspaper, introduced me, very much to my surprise, to the dinner tables of certain politicians, who catechised me upon American matters, and *studied* me through and through, very much as I studied my catechism in bye-gone days. If I did not hold that conversation at such places is to be kept "sacred," particularly the free conversation never held when a few bottles of wine have gone round, I should be delighted with the liberty to relate this—for it was one of the most amusing and interesting I ever had. All were delighted when I told them that the ballot would be altogether a different thing in England from the ballot in America,—and that in England it would upset I am top to bottom, the conservative party, whether whig or tory, and the hold that property have upon members in all the varied interests of the state,—for an American, if the employed did not like his employer, he could *employ* another employer, such was the pursuit for labour—whereas in England, such was the pursuit by labour for employment, that now the tenant was under the complete control of his landlord, and voted as he chose on his own vote, which would not be under the ballot system—the ballot system, I went on to say, making no difference in America, in fact, from the nine *peer system*: both systems, such was the demand for labour, enabling the voter to be equally free and independent. The removal of the stamp tax upon newspapers, I told them, would have almost the same effect; for it would enable every man to read a newspaper—and the cost question is one of this feeling, people with light, would be, as it is in America, to make almost every man a politician—which being done, they for themselves could judge how long corn laws would stand, an established church, and hereditary lag sinecure.—The two last, I frankly told them, *exploded* years ago in the United States; I could see, however, that they only pitied me for my ignorance, and excused it, because I was educated among a people who do not know the blessing of hereditary legislation, and of a religion which people pay for, nor to enjoy!

But to return to my discussion on the Thames. I found that Mr. Basil Hall and Capt. Hamilton were the chief authorities my disputants quoted "for the vulgarity of American manners," and the horrid barbarity with which we murder the king's English—they generally eschewing Mrs. Trollope as only the drawer of a caricature. Hall and Hamilton's books, I admit, were serious books, written in a bad spirit, and were full of misrepresentations from which to end,—whereas, in Mrs. Trollope, almost every item stated as fact was fact, the like of which I myself had seen in some part of the wide extended union, the lie only arising from her generalising her facts, and judging a whole people by one man, or one family. As to the language of the king's English, I told the people, I contended, were much more guilty of this crime than we were—and as proof, I quoted the beautiful language used in Yorkshire, Lancaster, and Westmoreland, and parts of Scotland, and London proper—at the same time acknowledging that educated men in England, as a mass, do speak better English than the educated men in America—so that I should speak the English better, but that society teaches them to be more careful; whereas, in America we are careless, and criminally negligent in our conversations—also insisting, that no where in the world, over such an extent of territory, is any language spoken so well by the mass of people as the English—the language is spoken in the United States. Jack Downing, the New York edition of whom has lately been published in London, (meeting with an extraordinary sale,) was then quoted upon me as *authority*! The sness (pardon me) did not know that book was a caricature of ourselves by ourselves, and was looked upon it as a standard of authority in the United States! Next I had a letter of bishop M'Ilvaine, of Ohio, thrown in my teeth, which one of the passengers had read—a letter of the bishop, now in London, soliciting donations for a college in Ohio—which letter, it was argued, was not English English, but American English—but my disputant not being able to tell me how or why, he had this part of the argument to himself, not making much impression upon me, however,—for I have not a doubt from the reputation of bishop M'Ilvaine, that his English will pass current in any portion of the globe where English is spoken. And over conversation grew warmer, and I grew cooler, as a matter of course, it always being policy to keep the cooler, the warmer others grow. To a man that attacks the manners of a people, a suspect which of all others foreigners ought always to touch with the utmost care, there is no other reply than an attack upon the manners of his own people, and I therefore opened a battery upon the servility, the society haunting, and the jealous, surly spirit which, as a class—with glorious exceptions, though—do character the people of England. I told, too, many truths, and meant to tell them—for I know something of England and its people, I have a magazine of facts to use to keep, but only for the purpose of retaliation, and of matching case with case, when necessary. The company pricked up their ears. A surly old gentleman adroitly turned the conversation upon the last American war, and in the course of his conversation let every man see, that the English never heard of us during that war, and did not know that we had a war on with any other than the powers of Europe, so little did they regard it or us. Some wicked spirit tempted me to reply, that there was many an English family, and of noble rank, that would have reason to remember it, and with sorrow, too. I never saw a man so suddenly overcome; the change was astonishing. "His only son," an English gentleman told me afterwards, "was killed in the American war!" I never in my life have more regretted a single saying than I did that one—for I saw the pain in the man's eyes, that it was the loss of that son that made him thus bitter against my countrymen, and he felt he had, but unintentionally from me, received a most severe rebuke.

At this point, the dinner bell rank. An entire stranger to me, a large bluff man, on whose trunk I afterwards read "H. N." (royal navy,) to ck me aside, and putting me on the shoulder, cried "bravo, my lad—you have done well.—Always stand up for your country when it is right, and acknowledge what is wrong; but fight for it, right or wrong. The people here talk like fools. You Americans are English! I know you honest of English blood, you could never do what you have done in America."

The dinner bell sounded more and more—and for a few minutes all conversation was suspended amid the clatter of knives and forks. I never found a more agreeable company than this was, after the little dispute was over. The Englishmen for once seemed to open their hearts. I received pressing invitations from two English gentlemen, entire strangers to me, to join their parties and families, and go with them up the Rhine to Switzerland—but my route lay another way—and at Rotterdam we all parted on the most friendly terms; they thinking, I am sure, that Americans are not such savages and bears as their tory writers have taught them to believe we are, and I liking the English character better than ever, as if for once seemed to throw off its cold icy cloak, and to show that there is a heart under it. I have also learned that no American can know anything of society by suffering his own home to be jeered in his presence, without reply. He reply, however, should always be made temperate, acknowledging all the faults of his own country, and palliating them, as truth will tell him; becoming no propagandist in a mad attempt to *republicanize* people here, but leaving every one to enjoy his own prejudices for the government under which he lives. For England, "me ry old England," is as dear to the humblest man there, as our own forest clad hills, or green fields are to us. In short, with the *forti es ta re*, always join the *suavi ter in modo*;—and then Englishmen will be taught that we are English, and Hamilton, and Trollope, and Kembles, are all of one school—people who have humbugged your John Bull with books upon America. At present, such travels sell better than travels in any other country.

English feeling is not polite to us at heart, but proud of us in fact, as showing what the Saxon blood can do when untrammelled by artificial society as it is in Britain; and though Englishmen are now deplorably ignorant in all the great political truths that we have established, yet they are beginning to learn—are commencing a study—and I really have some hopes of them; for John Bull is no fool, though rather stupid at times, and very slow in learning. Put him into our free schools, and he is an excellent common sense man, (I have a gossman, god of him, in the his second) childhood!

Enough, enough for this day. I had a troubled sleep last night on the deck of our steamer, for the cabin below was but the Black Hole of Calcutta in the insanity of its air changed as it was—and therefore I am the more sleepy now. By eight o'clock we were in the river Meuse. Hellocutsluys was on our left—and passed. I noticed there and thereabout women with earrings of brass, curling far forward as sometimes do the horns of beasts. The ship canal was then entered. The Dutch lateral in-coloured flag waved on the pier. Schiedam was on our left. By twelve I think, the steeples of Rotterdam were in view. Our passports examined. I did not give mine up, but dodged the officer. Our names, professions, ages, and residences, place of birth, where born, where going, what arrived, when leave, dates of passports, and the other authority given them, were all filled upon. Our baggage was then taken to the custom house—we waiting at the door—and some of it was examined roughly, and when little—but mine escaped without even an opening, as I have no fifteen pounds in a single portmanteau—and then after the payment of an English shilling "a bo ranjery," for every parcel, all were permitted to depart—and I made my way to the Hotel Pays Bas—a little palace of a place where they have what I like as well in American—a *table d'hote*, where you can talk with your fellow creatures. The distance from London to Rotterdam is 230 miles. The fare without meals, in the best cabin, is about ten dollars and a half.

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THINGS IN HOLLAND.—No. XXXIV.

Amsterdam, August 11, 1835.

Do the people here and here about live on land or on water? Do they go before or behind? Are they somewhat wet? I never saw such green places, such twenty built cities, such an odd mingling of land and water—a paved street here, and a canal there,—this plan crying thither for ease in his shoes on the walks, and that man, on a tiny thread for safety on the land—here a ship by that man's window, and there a steeple from a side door to the public boat—here men sailing under the houses, through the rail-ways as it were, and there a fellow going under the visible earth, and stopping his head up some rods off. Never did mortality dwell in such places before! Well done, ye Batavian Thunderbolts, and Thermometers, and your unspeakable names! Ye wind-mills even give the frogs a resting place. Ye have robbed the fishes of their dominions. Old Ocean ye have driven back, and though he is ever battering your rocky walls, and roaring around you with threats of desolation, yet ye laugh at his anger, and smoke your pipes in peace. Are ye men, and women, and children, made of the same flesh and bones as we are, with blood in your veins, or some new breed of fishes from the deep, that naturalists are puzzled with? What is your origin? Who is of your? —strange sleep too, this Sabbath (Coffee-house,) this *Fischmarkt* (Fish-market) this *Boterdeis* (Butter-house or hall) this *Kaasbeurs* (Cheese house, or market) &c. &c.—I have never before seen Dutchmen yet have, and German too, as if your longmen like your lands was made up of all the scraps of the earth. All things are so old, so very old, that I verily believe some fine Flemish painter is chasing me with a dark lantern, to see if I am made as these are. Yet for first time yet, I really feel that I am in a foreign land. England, where I can hear, and talk, is like my own home. But now I have lost two of my senses. I am deaf and dumb. I can hear, I grant, but there is not so much sense for me in the sounds, I hear as in the sounds of the bagpipe, and if I talk my English, who understands me, but I am dumb, yes, deaf and dumb! For the first time in my life I am deaf and dumb. I go by signs as the deaf and dumb do. I was puzzled for an hour in Rotterdam, among the crowds of signs, to find the house of a gentleman to whom I had a letter, and alone enabled me to find it at last. It is no use to talk, I have given up that.

How delightful they are the sounds, like those I have heard before. I never hear a bell now without a thrill of pleasure, for I know what that means,—and I listened for an hour or more, one evening in Leyden, under the window of a lady, who was playing on her Piano some German waltzes that I had heard in America. Think of the rapture then with which a lone man, as I am now, hears the English, his own language, spoken. I had it pleasure to some fellows at Rotterdam, who I had first touched to a servant in this hotel, who can utter a dozen words or more in a language which I have been accustomed to speak all my life. How happy then must Kosciusko, when in America, he heard his own language spoken to them, for no tongue is so sweet to us as that which we first lisped, and which is linked with all our early associations. And if, as Washington living hints, we chose, when we leave America for ever, one subject of the world, and upon another when we land, I may add with truth, that volume is written in a language we cannot read, nor understand, if we enter Holland, or any other part of Europe, the sounds of which we are ignorant of. I feel this difficulty every time I take every movement I make. I am that it will take away from my letters whatever of the spirit or interest I may flit or myself that my correspondents from England might have, for I have now but one sense to learn by, and that is my eyes.

People discuss questions with earnestness before me—and I cannot understand them. I am overflowing with questions, and I can have no answer. I am confined to myself from my countrymen, or rather have been separated—mounting myself with the reflection that I should learn more when alone, and be more independent in my movements, and so I am well for the time. I have not the same ration to travel together, as they always chester together, and keep up old prejudices and old habits—but I cannot endure this awful feeling of loneliness. The poor girl I fell in with at Leyden, I had her drifted along with them, and I felt my current, but found she was of all going in flocks, herding as the cattle herd, and in this respect so like them, so well (too often) in the current—that I felt pity for her, and thought of the great faculty which God has given man to distinguish him from the brute—that I sometimes feel the chief difference to be only in fact, that the brute has four legs, and we but two. I am vexed with myself that I have no courage to travel any where alone, but must perforce, in spite of my better judgement make the "grand tour," and in the track of the whole mob of travellers, who like flocks of sheep scamper over the one way that their leaders have shown them.

Yes, of all countries I think Holland must be the most extraordinary, which, with an Englishman's definition, means all that can be said of it. Instead of I were writing for Englishmen, I could say nothing more. The wonder working power of industry here is beyond description.—No writer can give a vivid idea of what man has made of the earth out of the ocean. The Dutch are reclaiming all the swamps of the river M ससिपुस from the inroads of the waters, and of making it all as a garden—a healthy and a charming country, full of little palaces, and pleasure houses, and bridges and canals which are ever rolling, which the boats are ever sliding,—and you will have a faint idea of what has been done in Holland, save that nature has done nothing for it, man every thing,—and this there is nothing remarkable in all, but every thing had in climate, and with the whole train of aches and rheumatisms, that cold and damp are ever generating. Why I thought the English were the most remarkable people on earth for their own people, and I therefore felt my every spot of land to advantage or to pleasure, but the Dutch are far before them—very far, remembering how little nature has done here. Think of a city built upon piles, and the waters rolling by the right and left pestilential marsh,—a splendid city now of nearly 200,000 inhabitants, with canals (forming ninety little islands connected by three hundred bridges) running through its streets, vessels of all of them, busy loading and unloading at the large warehouses going on,—and all these canals bordered with large, lofty, and healthy trees,—the masts of the shipping here mingling with the leaves, or there running by the windows of the houses—See them at quite every house—often at every window—single or double looking-glasses, or reflectors, so that a person in the room sitting before the window, can see by reflection the whole street, the canal, the shipping, the green trees, the canal, and the shipping. Look into one of these, and you are quite convinced that such a city is no city, but a picture. No view can be more picturesque.

Thus the Dutch ladies,—beautiful women they are, with beautiful complexions, and fine healthy forms, pass their leisure hours with a book, or with needle work in their hands, often arranging their reflectors at right angles the right angle pointed towards the window, so that directing their eyes to that angle they see (concealed themselves) the whole street both the right and left.

I write, as my pen runs along with thought, quite indifferent as to the route I go myself,—for everything is so new to me, and so astonishing to my unprepared mind, (has fresh as I in this Old World,) that I do not take a step without gathering a thought, or having a feeling I never had before. But to return to Rotterdam.

The traveller landing at Rotterdam from another country, is not only reminded by a change of language, that he is in a foreign country, but by a change of coin too. The English shilling, half-crown and sovereign, give place to the florin or guilder, and stivers, and centimes, with no comprehensible rule and little cause the value of which I shall never take the trouble to learn. A letter of credit from banker in London, soon filled my pockets with gold and silver, with too guilder pieces of gold, with Prussian crowns and sixters, and Ladies dollars, and florins, and francs, and Groschens, &c. &c. &c. so that though I took only fifty pounds sterling home to the hotel, I travelled on it with a load of coin in my pockets, realizing for the first time in my life the blessings of a specie currency by which a man is made a horse, with the impossibility of carrying his money about him, besides the danger of losing it, if he leaves it in his luggage—and the feel of engaging that very comfortable sensation which one would unhesitatingly have when passing into a strange country. All I can say is, that the fifty pounds are not worth carrying, with the constant impression of peril upon one—provided there was any mode of passing without them. Again, you exchange the lone dull dinners of English hotels and English coffee houses, for the lively *table d'hote*, where all sit down around one board, and you hear, see and know what is the world, and what is the language in which you are to adorn your, under the exclusive system of England. Porter and ale give way to Rhenish wines. Your expenses become less too. Scrutate's a per tolerance or not an exception, or pass have ceased to pay that national debt of England, which every traveller must contribute to pay his part, who puts his foot on English soil.

At Rotterdam there are many things worth seeing, though it is not the most interesting of the cities of Holland. It is the first of the cities that the traveller sees, the novelty of the sight will make a deep impression upon him, no matter how much he has heard of Holland. I never shall forget with what strange staring attitudes I roamed about, over bridge and by canal, gaping at the new sights, and confused by the strange Dutch babble. But no man can go through a single city in Holland without being impressed with the greatest respect for the Dutch character. As yet I have not seen a beggar in Holland. I do not believe I shall see one. Nothing that is said of their neatness, is exaggerated. They are undoubtedly the neatest people on earth—and the women seem from morning to night, scrubbing every thing—post pillar, floor, door, street, house, yes, every thing that can be scrubbed—and the consequence is, that even the streets are as neat as our parlors. Leyden, they never permit the dirt to rest in peace between the crevices of the rocky pavements! Water in the canals flows about in all directions. It is really useful, then to venture on the streets for little cat-nap from excess prepared to wash the windows, are hissing about you in all directions. Scrub, scrub, scrub! you swim the morning, and at noon, and at night too,—but more particularly in the morning. The little battlions of women, scrubbing away. They do it with the air of people who know how to scrub. They seem to love to do it. I have seen them scrub where there was no dirt at all. Amateur scrubbers they are, playing with it between the young lady plays with the strings of a harp. Is all this so well? What can a poor Hollandis husband do, when, when he comes home for peace, his wife begins to scrub? I have heard of an American washing day; our hard and fast rules for their effected husbands, and therefore, I do not wonder so at that they smoke, puffing off their affections in clouds of tobacco, and thus enveloping themselves in an atmosphere that even scrubbing cannot touch. But smoking and scrubbing aside, and scrubbing is only a virtue carried to excess,—the Dutch are a most interesting and wonderful people.

I am hardly one a miserable house. I do not remember one. Though the country houses have not so many flowers as the English have, yet they are as neat and entire too. All have gardens where they can go to smoke, and the most fashionable gardens have a little house upon to point to the place where the industry of man has done the most to triumph over obstacles where nothing of good or elegance seems to have applied him, whether, indeed, the wilderness was made to blossom like the rose, but the contrast, the hog. I certainly should point to Holland. To say that such a people, who have done all this, now are well off, or rich too, no hardly so pecuniarily as the superiors and enjoyments of life, are a wonderful people, is but faint praise. It only illustrates the position, that the more a state does for a people, the less they are likely to do for themselves, for they are content to be profane on of the gifts,—but where labor is necessary, and the duty imperative, then man arouses himself and every faculty or mind or body is developed in its full extent. Thus Holland is what it is,—and thus Italy is what it is.

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THINGS IN HOLLAND.—No. XXXV.

Amsterdam, August 10, 1835.

I left Rotterdam on the 7th inst. in a Diligence—the stage coaches become Diligences now—for the Hague, only 13 or 14 miles off—after looking at all the curious things there, the Stadhouse, its Statesroom & Tower Hall, its Regsheek a Court of Justice, its Exchange, where the bell rings at 3 o'clock, (the Dutch merchants dining at 3 o'clock,) just five minutes, and he who is later pays 10 cents entrance—to the New Indian House, the Custom House, the Dutch Yard, the Groote Kerk (St. Laurence's great Kirk) in which is the tomb of the Admiral De Witt, and a huge organ—and also the statue of Erasmus in brass, clothed with the doctoral toga and holding a book in his left hand, while the right appears to be turning over some leaves. The statue of Erasmus is the only thing in Holland that does not shine—but this is no fault of the Dutch, for their armorer and scourer thus till it appeared to shine like gold in the sunshine, so that its more delicate features were likely to be destroyed, when, with great reluctance, they discontinued the scouring and left it to the action of the weather, so that now the contrast of the dark brass with the brightness all around, must, I am sure, worry the Hollanders over much. Erasmus was born in Rotterdam. *Hier rees die groote ram* (here rose the great ram) says the monument, that sat at Basle—but if Erasmus was fond of retirement, as he undoubtedly was, he image has but little of it in the thoroughfare where it stands, always crowding about him, beats near him, people hurriedly rushing over the bridge. I saw many other things in Rotterdam—the Club Houses and Tea Gardens, where the citizens meet to enjoy themselves with various kinds of games, drinking their wine, tea or coffee, and smoking their—everlasting—pipes. Actually the broad shouldered boors will smoke under the very nostrils of their lady loves!—and while they puff out a compliment some side of their mouth, they let it dribble, perhaps, in some direction, or smoke on the other side. The beautiful girls, and they are beautiful, take all as a matter of course, and with a sad resignation. Christianity that a martyr might wonder at, smiles upon the authors of their affections, and admire—their kind fantastic pipes! I am just in the mood now for waging war, horrid war, with all the Dutch—the dissipated—snuffers—spitters—chewers—men with tobacco tails in their mouths called segars, and men with clay pipes, or long china pipes projecting out—making themselves little mount Vesuvius, and their mouths volcanic craters—steam locomotive going with a puff, puff, over the rail road of life—smoking—smoking with clouds of tobacco—and with our cowardly smoke. Hang them all—under the second section, if you please—for I can say nothing rougher, but I am outrageous just now, for though I have been riding in a Diligence with some of the best bred people, they would not only smoke, smoke, smoke, filling the whole coach with thick clotted smoke—but then, they would have the impudence to talk to me in French, with the most civil air in the world, and the cut-cut phrases of that aristocrat language, to close the window I had opened to let out their rascally smoke—and I, yes I, would sulkily sigh them, and throw back my head as if I were trying at the snake—for when impudence becomes thus impudent, it is as very hard to be what a sacrifice a man will ask you to make of yourself, that you never think of daring to disobige him. But I am lingering. This broadside of mine will only blow up a hornet's nest about me at home, for America is the only country in the world, I believe, where a "gentleman" chews tobacco. Many other things, too, I have, but an English man, man who values himself on his good breeding, if he smokes at all, begins to do all his smoking in secret, concealing the practice from the eyes of the public as much as he can, as he would conceal any other obnoxious habit that the world denounces. I contend w h Englishmen, when they do so, that it is a mere habit and a nothing, that bad as the chewing is, it is not so bad as smoking so far as other people are regarded, for the chewer keeps his tobacco quid in his mouth, whereas the smoker not only puts his cud out as a sign he has one within, but he sends forth emanations all abroad in the form of smoke, loading the atmosphere with the stench of his clothes and persons, and thus impregnating the whole atmosphere around to notify people, as it were, of what he is doing, and thus to annoy them to the greatest extent. The next time I travel in Holland, I will carry a jar of assafoetida, and defend myself with that.

But I was going to the Hague. I left the Hotel des Pays Bas, which is "immortal!" I have found out, because there the Queen of England passed a night in

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BROUGH'S LETTERS.

No. XXXVI.

Cologne, (on the Rhine,) Aug. 16.

To speak this city on the Rhine, this famous city, with towers in history, but more famous of all—which shows its six tons of bell to ring—for its eau de Cologne, a water known all over Christendom to every nation, and every degree, which fills the nostrils of every traveller the travelling companions, in the pocket, the trunk, or the valise—yes—even in the crowded hackney-coach, covering all families, the cottage, the palace, or the humbler abodes—yes, speak this city, I say, thus famous, I have made a long and a rapid circle round and round, longitudinally too, with a day's dash across the Channel, longitudinally, looking to travelling when in France would be called a camp de chasse, or in plainer English, or American rather, "going ahead." The truth is, I was rather weary of being off, or far away, from the several seats of English numbers on the Rhine, and wearied to hear 0 hoth English cross Rhine, I determined to see how quickly I could fall upon their route at Cologne; for at the season of the year the English swarm, you literally swarm, up and down the Rhine, and there is very little to remind you of the continental post here, that you are not in England.

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FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 23, 1835.

ASHES.		Sugar-house	67 69
Pots.....cwt	6 75 — 00	do. N. York	69 70
Pearls	9 00 9 50	do. Philada.	64 68
BUTTER		do. Savan.	60 50
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Java	13 14	OIL	
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Mobile	14 16	In Schuylkill	
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N. C. and Va.	16 17½	Flaxseed rough	1 65 1 60
FREIGHTS		Ap. per crab	
To Liverpool, per canal		Timothy...bush lbs	1 75 2 00
Cotton...lb. lbs		Herds...bush	
FLOUR and MEAL		Orchard grass	2 00
Baltimore...bbl.	6 25	Red top	
Pa	6 50	Hemp	
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ATKINSON'S SATURDAY EVENING POST.

PHILADELPHIA

Saturday, Dec. 26, 1835.

CHRISTMAS.

Once more we are permitted to enjoy the festivities of Christmas, and once more we render our patrons the compliments of the holiday season. Christmas, the day so anxiously looked for by youth, and ordinarily so delightfully enjoyed by all classes of society, from the highest to the lowest, has again arrived to delight us with its bountiful cheer, and to amuse us with its merry festivities. The voice of gladness and the cheerful prattle of innocence are again heard in our streets, and plenty and comfort sit smiling by our firesides, from which all reflections of care and trouble are, for the time being, excluded.

It is delightful to look upon the scene of gratification and enjoyment every where presented to our eyes, whether in the giddy crowds of young and old that throng our thoroughfares, in the various places of amusement that attract attention by their flaming hoards, or in the happy groups that circle the domestic hearth. Every where appears the inscription, "this is a HOLIDAY," for the laugh and jest are no longer restricted, conversation is free, and merriment and joy have unlimited range. Youth aspires to manhood, and struts boldly forward in the juvenile paraphernalia of the soldier, and those of adult years heed not to mingle once more in the gambols of childhood, recurring again to those gladsome days of innocence and unmitigated joy, the memory of which will cling to the heart, like the traces of a fading dream of rapturous and exquisite enjoyment.

It is profitable occasionally to unbent the mind from the anxieties of business, and to enjoy in pleasant intercourse and rational amusement, unrestrained by inquietude, the bounties with which Providence has favored us. In the cares of an active life, and the bustle and turmoil of trade, the social feelings of the heart are necessarily in a great measure forgotten, and the mind loses its relish for the enjoyment of those humble qualities which give a zest to life, and render pilgrimage on earth desirable. But with the holiday season there comes a day of relaxation—a day upon which it is proper to forget the vexations of worldly engagements, and to cultivate and cherish the impulses which arise from familiar communion, unmixed with selfishness, and unrestricted by motives of a sordid character. Friends and acquaintances meet, on such a holiday, without the restraints of cold formality, and all mankind feel as if the bonds of union which connect the members of the whole human family, were more closely united and more strongly cemented. Despite all the adverse contingencies of an inclement season, the bleak blasts from the north, the mountains of ice in our waters, and the sterile appearance of nature, it is in our power to enjoy the holiday season with its wonted merriment and good cheer.—The produce of a luxurious autumn fill the cellars of the provident, and those who have laboured industriously in the spring-time of life, have not failed to store up the wherewithals by which the cares of age are relieved, the body refreshed and the heart made glad. The enjoyment of peace and happiness is independent of all adventitious circumstances, and the Christmas holiday of the labourer in his cottage, with his humble fare, may be made as joyful as that of the princely prince in his tapestried hall, if he but possesses that harmonic virtue of contentment, and an unrepining grateful disposition.

Upon us all, on this interesting occasion, there is an obligation of gratitude to Providence, that the inestimable favors of freedom and peace are continued to us as a nation, that we prosper in our local concerns, and that to us, individually, the blessings of health and plenty have not been scantily given. That it must indeed be cold and insensible, that is not, on a retrospection of this character, warmed with feelings of love and devotion towards Him who has so munificently blessed us, and in commemoration of whose mercies and sufferings, as marking the era of the Christian dispensation of "glad tidings of peace and good will to all mankind," the observance of Christmas has been made a duty, by the whole christian community.

For the gratification of the curious we have an abundance of places of amusement, now open in the city. Among the most prominent we may name the PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM, in the Arcade, which recently been appropriately decorated for the holidays, and which never lures its attraction, though visited for the hundredth time.

The AMERICAN MUSEUM, at Fifth and Chestnut streets, which also contains a collection of curiosities deserving of attention. A panorama display of the Conflagration of Moscow, and performances on the Harp and Accordion, are now added to the ordinary exhibition.

The DIORAMA OF JERUSALEM, a painting covering 2000 feet of canvass, by our countryman Bengs, Esq. is open for exhibition at the Diorama in Chestnut street near Eighth. This is a very impressive Scripture piece, executed in a most masterly manner.

The EXHIBITION OF AUTOMATA, at the Masonic Hall, is well worthy of patronage. The pieces comprising the exhibition, such as the Drawing Boy, the Musical Lady, the Magician, the Walking Figure, all of which are noticed at length in Bowmar's Journal Magic, are remarkably curious specimens of human ingenuity, and we believe the most perfect automata in the world. Those who have not witnessed this exhibition should do so speedily, as it will soon be closed.

FUEL.

Coal and wood are quite scarce in this city, and a considerable advance has been made on the summer price. During the late severe weather, $10 was asked for a cord of wood, of the ordinary quality. A large quantity of coal was brought in on the Columbia rail-road, but farmers in the vicinity of the road would have to pay a dollar more than other persons. The article

THE FIRE IN NEW YORK

We give, in this paper, a diagram, representing the scene of the late appalling conflagration in New York, and a detailed account of that melancholy event, carefully condensed from the New York papers. Great sympathy has been manifested for the citizens of New York, in this calamity, throughout the whole country, and efficient efforts will no doubt be promptly made, to afford the sufferers all possible assistance. Collections will shortly be made in this city in aid of those who have lost their all, and it is expected that a very liberal sum will be secured.—The town meeting held in this city on Friday week adopted a resolution requesting congress to make a donation to N. York of $10,000,000, from the surplus revenue, but the constitutionality of an act of that character has been doubted. A loan to that amount, on the security of the state, would probably enable the merchants of New York to resume their usual business.

Immediately upon receiving news of the conflagration, the President of the Bank of the United States, hastened to New York, and with the directors of the branch of that city, made an arrangement for the extension of accommodations to the amount of two millions. The city banks generally have followed the example, and the collector of the port has given notice that the payment of the government bonds will not be pressed. There is, therefore, reason to hope that the city will, in time, recover from the paralizing effects of this dreadful calamity, unparalleled in the history of our country.

The Firemen of this city held a meeting at the Exchange, on Friday last, and appointed a committee to proceed to New York, to tender the services of the Philadelphia Fire Department to that city, in case they could be rendered available. The committee started in the mail of the same day, and reached New York on Saturday; and at the same time, several companies proceeded with their apparatus to the depot, in the hope of being able to get them carried on the rail-road, but their efforts proved unsuccessful. The committee returned to this city on Monday, and made report to the town meeting. They speak in high terms of their reception in New York, but the fire being already extinguished when they arrived, their services were not required.

The Concert of Sacred Music, given at Grace Church, on Monday evening last, was very well attended. Mr. B. Cross presided at the new organ; Mr. Hupfeldt directed the instrumental, and Mr. B. Cross the vocal departments. The performances consisted of a number of approved solos, duetts and choruses, most of which were executed with spirit, taste and effect. Miss Watson was, however, the principal attraction, and her solos were delightful. Her "Sweet Bird" was a most beautiful performance, and won all hearts, by its chaste and exquisite melody.—Signor Fahj likewise acquited himself with credit, in one or two Italian airs, of a serious character.

The tones of the new organ are highly commended by experienced critics, and it is gratifying to learn that the receipts of the Concert will go far towards defraying the expense of this splendid instrument, justly a credit to the city.

Joseph McIlvaine, Esq. has resigned the office of Recorder of this city, a post that he has most honorably and most efficiently filled for a number of years.

The City Council of New York have authorised a loan of six millions of dollars, in aid of the sufferers by the late fire.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.—Those who design to purchase books for holiday presents, decidedly the most rational of gifts, are informed that a variety of works, suitable for presents, may be obtained at our publication office, 36 Carter's alley. They may be obtained at a considerable discount from the book store prices.

DEATH OF BISHOP EMORY.—The Rev. John Emory, one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church, died near Baltimore, on the 16th instant. He was proceeding from his residence near Reisterstown to Baltimore, when he was violently thrown from his vehicle, by his horse taking fright, and so much injured that when he was discovered lying in the road, he was entirely insensible, and died in a few hours after. His remains were conveyed to Baltimore, and interred in a vault of the Eutaw street church, on Monday last.

Bishop Emory was a gentleman of fine talents and undoubted piety, and his decease will be sincerely deplored by a numerous circle of friends, and by the church of which he was a prominent and a useful member.

During a late exhibition of jugglery in Boston, by Signor Blitz, a slip of paper was handed to the professor, with these words on it—"*Signor Blitz is requested to swallow himself.*" After a moment's hesitation, the professor of legerdemain replied as follows—"Signor Blitz is not at this moment prepared to swallow himself, but if the gentleman who sent this paper will come forward, Signor Blitz pledges himself to swallow him." No one appeared, and the juggler was victorious.

The Whigs and Antimasons of this state have nominated WILLIAM H. HARRISON, of Ohio, as a candidate for President of the United States, and FRANCIS GRANGER, of New York, for Vice President. In Virginia, the opponents of the administration have nominated HUGH L. WHITE, of Tennessee for President. The following is the Harrison Electoral ticket for Pennsylvania.

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John Gest, of Philadelphia.
Alexander Plummer, of Westmoreland.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

1. Levis Passmore,	14. Thomas Carson,
2. Charles Witter,	13. Lewis Evans,
Cadwalader Evans,	14. Samuel Ruger,
3. Jonathan Gillingham,	15. Chester Butler,
4. William Johnson,	16. Neer Middlesworth,
Samuel Grosh,	17. Isaac Meyers,
Thos. Ashbridge,	18. Frederick Gebhart,
5. James Paul,	19. Benj. A. Marchand,
6. Benjamin Ringle,	20. Thomas Hughes,
7. Jacob Weyant,	21. John Reed,
8. Walter C. Livingston,	22. Andrew Bayne,
9. David Grim,	23. Samuel Orr,
10. John Fox,	24. William S. Rankin,
11. Charles Biehl,	25. Joseph Rankin.

A large tribe of *penny-liners* locate themselves in Washington every year, for the purpose of dishing up items of news, gossip, scandal, &c. for various newspapers in different parts of the community. Some of them display considerable talent and ingenuity, and among the best is the correspondent of the New York Transcript, whose letters are invariably interesting. From a recent communication we make the following extracts:

Mr. Van Buren is well; and, amid all the turmoil that surrounds him, is quiet, collected, and seems to be unconscious that he is enveloped by angry elements. The great incendiary this distinguished man has gained over the world, grows out of his entire self-possession. Nothing rattles him—nothing can discompose a muscle of his face; and therefore he is never subjected to those freaks and acts of caprice which distinguish most of the public men of this country. He is a widower, and it is said that his future domestic estate and condition depends entirely upon his success as a candidate for the presidency. If he is successful, he weds; if not, so!

There are already in the city two or three ladies of fashion and fortune, who have their caps arranged for his acceptance—and at a *soiree* which I attended last evening, I heard a maiden lady of six and thirty explain, in a most disinterested manner, that she thought it was the duty of a man who held so important a trust as that of the Vice Presidency, to get married! The lady, I doubt not, has read Malthus.

Mrs. Anne Royall, that dear Pet Lamb of the creation, is yet in the land of the living. She is just as *available* as she ever was, and edits the Paul Pry with her accustomed venom and vertjuice. The old lady has imported a large quantity of pipes from Holland, and will probably smoke every member of Congress who neglects to subscribe for her paper. The "old creature," is an object of absolute terror to many members of Congress; and as they do not like to "stand her nonsense," of abuse, they invariably subscribe to the Paul Pry on reaching Washington. The seven year's itch and the measles, are flea bites compared to the vengance of this old termagant. She, and her Secretary, Sally—"I beg you wouldn't mention Sally"—are of themselves quite enough to make any man believe that Paradise was never entered by a woman. Mrs. Royal has not been married to Pickle Emmons—she swears she is not a candidate for wedlock, and through life will prefer petticoats to breeches—and so says Secretary Sally. Who killed Cock Robin?

Awful Death.—We regret to learn that Mrs. BARBARA MASSRALL, of Sansom street, Philadelphia, was so injured by fire, on Saturday evening, that she died in about fifteen minutes after the flames were extinguished. She was sitting alone in her room a few minutes after ten, when some of the inmates of the house heard a shriek, and immediately hastened to discover the cause of it. On entering the room of Mrs. M. they observed her standing in the middle of the floor, with her arms extended, and her whole person wrapt in flames. It is supposed that while sitting at the fire her gown, of cotton material, caught fire; that instead of prostrating herself upon the floor, she rose and attempted to extinguish the flames, and hence her awful death. Her person is shockingly disfigured by the fire. Mrs. M. was a most estimable

The great gun of the English Reviews—the London Quarterly—which for many years has been battering away at the American Republic, abusing the government and ridiculing the manners of the people, has at length changed its tone towards us, and seems now disposed to render us something like justice. What has effected this sudden change in more than we can tell, but the revolution in sentiment seems to be unequivocal. In reviewing Mr. Latrobe's "Rambles in America," the Quarterly quotes the annexed passage: "However, something was to be learned from this, and I trust I was not myself above profiting by the lesson, which many years of travel have assisted in improving upon my mind; namely, that a stranger in a strange land sees with strange and partial eyes, and that the difficulty of forming a correct judgment, even with close observation, and without any disposition to distort facts, is far greater than might be supposed." Upon this paragraph the Review remarks:

We sincerely hope this lesson will be held in mind by all future travellers in the United States. For ourselves, we are obliged to confess that we much wish we had kept it steadily before us when reviewing the recent work of Mrs. Trollope, and we may even add of Captain Basil Hall. We have no suspicion that either of these able writers designed to give a false impression of the state of society in America; but we are constrained to acknowledge that we think it Washington Irving had undertaken a tour among our own provincial towns, he might have found materials for lively and amusing sketches of British manners not a bit better than those represented as characteristic of the Americans—indeed we strongly suspect that he might have found almost the same identical things and fashions. And how, after all, should this be otherwise? What were all those American towns sixty years ago but provincial British towns? Why should we be so ready to believe that manners and customs had changed so much within the life-time of one generation, while blood and language remain of the same?

Let us hear no more then—at least, let us hear nothing in harsh, contemptuous, or arrogant language—about the petty circumstances which may happen to strike an English eye, accustomed to the highly-cultivated features of society in the upper walks of life in England, as obviously characteristic of the people of America, in their interior domestic intercourse among themselves. Let every man who designs to travel in America begin with making himself acquainted with the manners of the great masses of our own population—even of our own opulent and fairly educated population—and ask himself honestly, whether, supposing the present course of political changes to be persisted in, the grand problem of the Grotes, Warburtons, and Humes, fairly worked out, our aristocratical institutions in church and state got rid of, and the "monarchy of the middle classes" completely established—let him ask himself, whether he seriously believes that, after the lapse of a half a century, the foreign traveller from Vienna or St. Petersburg would not be very apt to go home again with much the same views as to the manners of the dominant caste in England, that have been of late made public on the subject of the social peculiarities of America.

Our readers will remember that this is the same Review that not long since extolled Basil Hall and Mrs. Trollope to the skies, and that floundered like a fish just out of its native element, when their preposterous statements were called in question. The work of Mr. Latrobe has no doubt been instrumental, in a considerable degree, in effecting this change in sentiment, as throughout the whole of the article from which we extract the above, the editors speaks calmly and temperately, and with an apparent desire to do justice to the subject.

We rejoice at this change in the bearing of the Review towards America, not because its former captious remarks have occasioned us any considerable uneasiness, but because one great bar to an union of feeling between England and the United States, has thereby been removed. To the great mass of the American people, it is, we are well aware, a matter of perfect indifference, what course the London Quarterly or any other Review may pursue towards America, as they are uninfluenced either by their praise or their censure; but to those citizens of our country who have constant intercourse with English society, and to the literati of the two countries, between whom there is, and ought to be, a friendship and fraternity of feeling, the former injudicious criticisms of the Review—unmerited and calumnious as they were—have proved a great stumbling-block in the way of harmony and good feeling. The conversion of the London Quarterly, is, we trust, sincere, and hereafter we hope to see something like candour and honesty in its columns, when speaking of their rivals in literature and science, across the water.

The annexed paragraph may serve to show to what extent the citizens of New York are harrassed by fires. Scarcely a night passes over in which there are not one or more conflagrations, involving the destruction of a large amount of property. This must ever be the case until provision is made for a more abundant supply of water.

FIRES.—About 2 o'clock on Saturday morning the patrol of the ninth ward discovered flames, proceeding from a building in Bedford street. They were soon extinguished. About noon on Saturday, the porter house of Moses Ritter, corner of Hester and the Bowery, took fire from a stove pipe. At 10 o'clock on Saturday evening, a building in the rear of the lot at the corner of Broome and Hudson streets, was slightly injured by fire. At midnight of Saturday, the publication office of the Transcript, at the corner of City Hall Place and Pearl street was intentionally set on fire—no damage was sustained. About 7 o'clock last evening an alarm proceeded from a house in William street near Ann, caused by the bed clothes taking fire. Prompt action prevented much damage being done in either instance.—*N. Y. Com. Adv.*

WHISKERS.—The monstrous quantity of superfluous hair now worn by our young men under the chin and around the windpipe is almost sufficient to make young ladies a set of ringlets. What can be more ludicrous than to see a thin, pale-faced peaked looking countenance peering forth from a huge jungle of bushy whiskers. It is fairly terrific; and how can a young lady allow such an orang outang to brush her fair lips or his bristles in venturing upon a chaste salute.—*Nonsense.*

The ridiculous custom alluded to above, is a contemptible *spring* of foreign fashions, introduced among us by a few young Americans, who have returned from Europe strongly tinctured with court aristocracy. They may be met in our streets every fine day, flourishing a gold-headed cane and dirty moustaches, and apparently glorying in their disgraceful and ludicrous appearance. Every lady who expects a visit from one of these *animals* should provide her centre table with a razor and a shaving-box, and perhaps the perfumed orang outang would take the hint.

THEATRICAL.

Reeve, the low comedian, at the Chesnut street Theatre, has gained a high degree of popularity, by his performances during the week, and it appears to be generally admitted that the New Yorkers, as in the case of Miss Fanny Jarman, have either been strongly prejudiced against Reeve, or else been unable to appreciate his peculiar talent. We consider him decidedly the most amusing comedian that has been on our boards since the days of Jefferson, and this we believe is the opinion of our play-goers generally. His best characters are the Beadle, in the Wreck Ashore, the Mummy, the five parts in By Advertisement, and Jack Ragg, in the Climbing Boy. Nothing equal to the drunken scene in the Wreck Ashore, has ever been seen in this city, neither have we ever heard any such comic singing, as "first vul de grace extraordinaire," in By Advertisement. In this piece Reeve's imitation of Mathews and Kean is perfect. On the whole, as a burlesque performer, we regard Reeve as far beyond the range of ordinary comic actors, for he is the very personification of fun itself, and if he had no other merit, his graceful dancing alone, would be sufficient to secure his success. His benefit will take place this evening, and undoubtedly the house will be crowded to overflowing.

Mr. Maywood, one of the deserving and enterprising managers, will take a benefit on Monday evening. A very attractive bill of fare will be presented, Mr. Reeve, Mr. Balls, Mr. Maywood, and Miss Emma Wheatley, being among the performers. Whether as actor, manager, or a worthy and respectable citizen, Mr. Maywood has strong claims upon the public, which we doubt not, will be duly acknowledged on Monday night.

Mr. A. Addams being still seriously indisposed, Mr. Conrad's new tragedy of Jack Cade has not again been produced at the Walnut street Theatre. The performances at this house continue to prove attractive. A new melo drama, entitled *Ula and Magnusty*, was announced to be produced last night, with new and splendid scenery, &c.

Our favorite Burton has gone to Washington, to fulfil a short engagement at the National Theatre, and to make merry the wise men of the nation.

Mr. Murdoch, Miss Riddle, and Mr. and Mrs. Ternan, are performing with success at the Mobile Theatre.

Absconding Cashier Arrested.—Bedley W. Babcock, the Cashier of the Branch Bank of New Orleans at Clinton, La., was arrested, on Monday night, on the York Turnpike, about eighteen miles from Baltimore. He is now in Baltimore prison, awaiting the requisition of the authorities of Louisiana. He confessed that he was the person, and that he had robbed the Bank of about thirty thousand dollars. From seven to eight thousand dollars were found upon his person. He was arrested by policemen Hays and

Congressional Proceedings.

In the Senate of Thursday of last week, Mr. Webster offering the following resolutions, which were laid on the table.

Resolved, That no much of the President's Message as respects the question whether the United States cannot, without transcending their constitutional powers, secure to the Post Office Department the use of the several Rail-roads in the United States, by an act of Congress which shall provide within itself some equitable mode of adjusting the amount of compensation, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to make a special report thereon.

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to report the number, extent, and direction of the several Rail-roads, already built or commenced, and the most important of those which are projected or contemplated, in the several States; and that they inquire into the expediency of aiding in any of those undertakings on the part of the government of the United States, either by making payment in advance on contracts for carrying the mails on such roads, or other way; and on conditions of transporting the property or troops of the United States by such roads, free of expense to the United States, whether in peace or in war.

Mr. Clayton offered the following resolution, which, on his motion, was now considered and adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of appropriating a sufficient sum to construct piers at New Castle, on the river Delaware; and that the instructions of the Legislature of Delaware to the Senators from that State, on that subject, be, and the same are hereby, referred to the same committee.

In the House, on the same day, Mr. Overton Carr was appointed principal door-keeper, and Mr. Hunter assistant.

The Senate did not sit on Friday.

In the House of Representatives, a petition was presented by Mr. Jackson of Mass. praying Congress to provide for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia. He moved its reference to a select committee. Mr. Hammond moved that it be not received, when a long debate took place, which will be reported hereafter. A motion to lay the petition on the table was moved, and decided by the Speaker to have precedence over the motion to reject. The question being taken, the motion to lay on the table was rejected—yeas 95, nays 121.

Mr. Hammond's motion, that the petition be rejected, being then in order the debate was resumed, and continued by Messrs. Hunt, Glascock, and Sutherland.

Mr. Sutherland, without concluding, yielded the floor, and, on motion of Mr. Everett, the House adjourned to meet on Monday.

In Senate, on Monday, Mr. Niles, the Senator appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Nathan Smith, of Connecticut, took his seat.

Mr. Webster offered a resolution referring to the committee on finance the subject of giving some relief to the sufferers by the fire in New York, which was adopted. In a few remarks which he made, he suggested that it might be proper for the committee to wait for the action of the other house before they made any report.

In the House Mr. Cambreleng reported, from the committee on ways and means, a bill providing

1st. That the Collector of the Port of New York be authorized, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, to extend the time of payment for the terms of three, four and five years, of all bonds which became due after the 16th instant, given for duties on merchandise imported by those who have suffered by the fire; and

2d. Directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer such portions of the surplus revenue as will not be wanted by the government to certain Banks in the city of New York, and suffer it to remain there for twelve months.

Mr. Cambreleng also stated that the committee had before them a proposition to remit the duties on all merchandise consumed by the fire; but had not yet definitely decided upon it. The attention of the committee had been called to the subject by a letter from the Secretary inclosing a letter from the Collector of the Port of New York.

The bill was read twice, committed to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union, and with the report, ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cambreleng gave notice that he should call up the bill for consideration to morrow.

Mr. Jarvis, from the committee on Naval affairs, reported a bill concerning the enlistment of boys in the naval service with a report; read thrice and committed.

Mr. Sutherland, from the committee on commerce, reported a bill to regulate the compensation of certain officers of revenue cutters; read thrice and committed.

In the Senate on Tuesday, Mr. Benton's motion to admit the Senators from Michigan on the floor was taken up, and he modified it so as to make it merely a resolution that they should be admitted as spectators, and chairs provided "on the floor."

The resolution as modified was opposed, and the words "on the floor" were stricken out on motion of Mr. Ewing. Some debate ensued, after which the resolution was further modified, by Mr. Hendricks, so as to give a privilege only to John Norvell to come into the Senate as a spectator, the other Senator holding the right already as a delegate.

On the same day, the House resumed the consideration of the motion submitted by Mr. Patton, of Virginia, to reconsider the vote of Friday last, referring a memorial for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, to the committee on the District.

Mr. Granger of New York, spoke in opposition to the motion; vindicated the motives of the petitioners, and contended that the House was obliged to give them a respectful hearing. At the same time he stated that he was not in favor of complying with the prayer of the memorialists.

Mr. Ingersoll, of Penn. followed with a speech, expressive of a strong desire to adjust the question to the entire satisfaction of the South, and read the following resolution, which, he said, he would offer when in order, and which, he hoped, would settle the question, and render further discussion unnecessary:

Resolved, That the holding of slaves is a right clearly recognized by the constitution of the United States, and is thereby reserved to the citizens of those States whose policy does not forbid it, as the legitimate subject of individual property and source of political influence and power; and all attempts to interfere with or molest them, in its exercise or enjoyment, are impolitic, unconstitutional and unjust.

Mr. Cambreleng introduced a bill authorising the Collector of the Port of New York, to grant extensions on the payment of government bonds, on account of the recent destructive fire in that city, which was read one time and laid over. It will no doubt pass, by a nearly unanimous vote.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, December 21, 1835.

Dear Sir—The business of the House was quite considerable today. A large number of petitions were presented, and nearly all for incorporations, from Savings Institutions.

Mr. Reed introduced a preamble and set of resolutions, for the relief of the sufferers in New York by the late fire. He also introduced a resolution authorising the Canal Commissioners to contract for the building of twelve Locomotive Engines, for the Philadelphia and Columbia, and Allegheny Portage Rail Roads. It was opposed by Mr. T. S. Smith, and supported by Messrs. Reed and Stevens—and was finally put off.

A large number asked and obtained leave of absence. The resolution for adjournment was re-considered this morning, but again voted down by 47 to 37. The friends of the resolution did not manage their card very well. I think it will yet carry, if Mr. Reed's advice is adhered to—or at least an adjournment for a few days. I believe all are in favor of an adjournment, but dare not vote for it.

Several bills of a local character passed through third reading; one of which was the Philadelphia Steam Tow Boat supplement. The bill relative to the Philadelphia Museum, was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Will am F. Hughes was re-elected Director of the Pennsylvania Bank on the third ballot. The vote stood thus—

	1st ballot.	2d	3d
W. F. Hughes	36	39	44
Samuel C. Morton	24	26	23
Robert A. Patton	21	20	17

The number of petitions presented in Senate was remarkable, in point of number.

The Haverford School Association bill passed third reading. The bill for calling a Convention to alter and amend the Constitution, was up, but was postponed.

The house looks thin—many seats are vacant already. The appearance of the Senate in point of numbers, is no better.—*U. S. Gaz.*

Harrisburg, Dec. 22, 1835.

The city and county members again, in both houses, presented petitions for the Schuylkill River Bank, the Central Bank of the Northern Liberties, the Leather Manufacturers Bank, the Franklin Bank of Southwark, and the Moyamensing Bank, besides memorials for sundry Savings Institutions. The Montgomery county members presented petitions, to-day, for a new bank in Pottstown, Montgomery county.

In the house, to-day, the resolution authorising the purchase of twelve additional locomotive engines for the State rail road, was warmly debated by Messrs. T. S. Smith, Stevens, Reed, Pennypacker, Oliver, Kennedy, Harrison, and Cox. It passed, and was sent to the Senate, where it was passed without delay. Another resolution, for an adjournment after to-morrow one week, passed both houses. The resolutions offered yesterday, by Mr. Reed, relative to the New York sufferers, requesting Congress to afford assistance, was debated at length. Mr. T. S. Smith offered an additional resolution, appropriating $10,000, by the State, to the poor sufferers. There was a warm debate, in which Messrs. Reed, Spackman, T. S. Smith, Bullock, and Walker, acquitted themselves creditably. No vote was taken before the house adjourned.

I had forgotten to tell you a strange rumour is afloat here, and it is something more than a rumour. It is said that the State Treasury Department has overdrawn upon the Bank of Pennsylvania, to the amount of about *three hundred and forty thousand dollars!* Mr. Karns offered a resolution, this morning, in the house, for an inquiry.

Bonnets of Spurious Bills.—Five dollar notes are in circulation of the Bank of New Brunswick, with fictitious signatures, which are evidently filled up by the same hand. The plate is a genuine one, and was probably stolen from the Bank by a villain who

From the N. Orleans True American of Dec 5.

INTERESTING FROM TEXAS.

By the arrivals on Sunday last and the politeness of our friends, we have been put in possession of late and important intelligence from Texas. The cause of liberty goes bravely on. The siege of Bahar goes bravely on. The Mexicans have shut themselves closely within the walls of the palace; but the arrival of heavy cannon was daily expected by the Texians, and by this time the palace has doubtlessly been forced to surrender. In fact, on the 24th ult. even with the small pieces the besiegers had with them, they had already made a small breach in the church of Bahar which the Mexicans have converted into a citadel.

A troop of Texians under Capt. Tevis, have taken about three hundred head of horses from the enemy; these will be of the greatest utility in organizing companies of cavalry.

On the 5th ult. a company of Texian cavalry numbering 35 men, under Capt. Bird, fell in near Bahar with a squadron of about 150 Mexican cavalry. Capt. Bird retreated to a ravine, and there defended himself so effectually against the superior forces opposed to him that to a few minutes they retired precipitately, leaving five men killed on the ground, and a number wounded, of the Texians only one wounded. It is said that the Mexicans showed more cowardice in this than in any previous action.

The Indians in several instances have attacked the Texians. Lieut. Collingwood was fired upon by a party of them near Goliad and killed.

The supplies sent from this city have been received with grateful feelings by the Texians. The convention had appointed a committee on the subject. This committee has written a

Washington Hall, opposite old Building.
Wood, glass & salt this discovered.

From the Liverpool Weekly Magazine.

REMINISCENCES.

Some non-things there's every man
Accepting compliment,
Why should not I present a plan
To benefit mankind?
Long have I thought it in my mind,
To find a living home,
Right cozy by Nature's self designed,
For kindred souls to roam.

The brownies should to Wales go,
The leprechauns to Erin,
The Gnekies to the Friendly Isles,
The fairies all to Chili;
The brownies, spinning elves,
Who bound, one mighty night,
While their naves leant to Babylon,
Go to Lapland or to Brunn.

From Rathbud, ancha ran over Greece;
And while the ones wait
Big passage to the Guinea Coast,
The spirit-bird's on the Bosphorus
To Canning quick while drawbacks lie,
At the Bosphorus quarantine by;
While gnomes go to Mt Shakerbah Isles,—
Well said them to be a T.

Mandrakes hasten to the Sound,
The cyclops prance to Rhone;
While all the sons of Apparition
At Cannon are at home;
Send indicators up to United States,
Hinds to the Isle of Man;
Let gnekies all to Barnard go,
And chuckleks to Japan.

While dobsons flock to Ohio,
And hobbies to the Moon,
The brownies to the Indian go,
And to Gravesend all the lions;
While sweet wild flower fairies are planted,
To Canada Cape Horn is rain;
And goblinses pass Lynnet to sea,
Half sickness crost the Rhine.

Barnacles, gnat, gnome for Rhetoric;
Hockings for Wight dunge;
While rapsies will find a lodgings
That's just below the Lane,
Big dragons to Connemara;
Pixies to the charbs whole,
While bell, our old friend vagrant,
Right cozy over yours in Rhodes.

Answer Right.—The Bengal Advertiser tells a good story of a Yankee who was refused a dinner at one of the taverns down east, until he had shown the landlord his "Pocket." Upon which then did he hook, and at the sound of the bell in which the Yankee, not taking a general survey of the table, turned to his host and said, "Mister, you've paid my money, and I've seed your dinner—good bye!"

The following Answer was written by a nephew of Benedict Arnold, and originally published in the London Morning Chronicle, 1780:

Born for a curse to nations and mankind,
Earth's loathing, hell's delight, shunned even by the damned;
Light's enemy and darkness's friend, my name
Is all that's wicked and all that's base.
Each one so great would give honorable title,
Detest, your memory shall ever live,
Yet all the glories that infamy can give!
Thy name, thy fame, shall be a friend your name,
TRAITOR is alone will glory in your shame;

A mighty vengeance merely she to roll
A volume of indignant on your remorseless soul;
Your hands black with your country's blood are made;
On earth is unstained blot that she has made.
Let hell receive you received in shame,
Damned to the lowest lower of its flames.

Power.—To get rid of the smell of oil paint, plunge a handful of hay into a pailful of water and let it stand in the room newly painted.

Cheap Boards.—Board is wanted in a family without children by a gentleman and—a seabrave, treated with genial cheer.

A young man of high standing and respectable talents was—served up to a dish for the governor.

Just published and for sale at the bookstore, the marvellous life and explosion of a—Tray Recovery Cooking stove.

Prussic acid and citric acid—are used in some parts of Germany as a substitute for coffee.

The quantities labored and brought forth—17,000 boxes of Gosling's blacking.

A fire was lately discovered in—an old fashioned Dutch teapot—supposed to be very ancient—and was buried in the ground before assistance could be rendered.

Recovery from the subscriber on the 14th instant,—10 cents on Arbor Hill.

Married in this city, after a long, distressing and bashful courtship, Mr. Rebecca Hawthorne to—the remaining stock in trade of a merchant declined business.

Lost, yesterday morning in State Street, a lady's reticule containing a—quintal of codfish.

An Extreme Resize.—When a young man, travelling in a post-chaise up Shooters hill, a high way man, presented a pistol before the chaise, and demanded money or life. Sir Edmund, then a very athletic man, seized the gun of the robber, twisted the pistol from it, dragged him through the window, and placed him beside him, desired him to sit quiet and orderly the rest way to drive on. The horrible suspicion of one of the highwaymen were always ready with, "Be easy boy, be easy, I want hurt ye." Still the countenance stricken robber kept pleading, till at length the chaise reached the Captain's lodgings, when he handed the yellow out of the coach; walked him on to a guard, and locked themselves in. He then ordered his man, and said, "Now sir, I neither mean to hang nor hurt you, but I'll just give you a touch of a heating," which having accomplished, he opened the door, made the robber to off, and the next time he stopped a coach, to tap at the window and ask if Pat Nagle was inside, before he ventured to probe his pistol into it.

Dreadful.—"Oh, my dear how came you so wet?" inquired an affectionate mother of her son. "Why, ma, one of the hens and I doesn't come into the creek, and by gosh, I tell you I was a boy to be dazed."

Complimentary.—An old Clergyman, and a rather eccentric one withal, whose field of labor was a town in the interior of New England, one Sunday, at the close of his services, gave notice to his congregation, that in the course of the week, he expected to go out of town—on a mission to the wayworn. The members of his church were struck with alarm and sorrow, at this sudden and unexpected announcement of the loss of their beloved pastor, and one of the deacons in great agitation, exclaimed, "Why, my dear sir, you have never told us one word of this before! What shall we do?" "Oh, brother," said the Pastor, with the greatest sang frost, "I don't expect to go out of town!"—*Bangor Arc.*

Anecdote of Booth, the Tragedian.—The congregation of a church in Baltimore were, after the services had commenced, astonished and concerned at the entrance of Mr. Booth, who ascended into the gallery, and quietly seated himself in the place usually reserved for the colored gentry, but which at this time was unoccupied. He was habited in the costume which he usually wore on his representation of the "hump-back'd tyrant," which was most conspicuously displayed in the style of his person. In the play contained in the service of this period, which the clergyman read, he was of course the "chosen of all sinners," but the services nevertheless, proceeded as usual, during which Booth remained rather abstracted, but when they were finished, the benediction pronounced, and the congregation had turned to depart, he rose, and doffing his richly plumed bonnet, addressed them: "Ladies and Gentlemen: To-morrow evening my benefit takes place at the Adelphi Theatre, when I shall attempt a representation of Richard III., and I trust I shall be encouraged by your presence," and making a low congee, he sunk out with the audience and vanished.

The Ladies Again to Barnum.—The family of H. Peter, Esq., of Harlyn, on the North coast of Cornwall, one morning, at breakfast-time, threw a piece of bread out of the window, to a stray sea-gull which hovered to be made its appearance at the moment; he had seen the bread, and flew away. The next day, at the same hour, he appeared again, was again fed, and departed. From the time, for a period of eight years, the gulls never failed to show himself at the window every morning at the same hour and to walk up and down, till he had received his meal, (a bream and fish,) when he instantly took his leave till the next morning. The gulls came he continued to do this even during the period of the periodic being on the coast, which lasted about six weeks in each year, and at this time he entered his morning visit. At length, he brought one of his own species with him to partake of his meal, and continued to come together, daily, for a fortnight, when they suddenly disappeared, and never came more afterwards.—*Jesse's Gleanings in Natural History.*

Thoughtless Cure.—A lady residing near Glasgow, had a handsome cat and some bird from Edinburgh; it was accompanied by a dense tabby, and in a marriage. The bird manfully resisted the first attempts, having proved a great young man at the end of that time, she was fed in her own dormitory, which she very often combined by disappearing with both her houses. The lady of Glasgow went for friend at Edinburgh, leaving her birds, and the cat was supposed to have been left behind, but the cat was supposed to have disappeared with the bird, and the lady of Glasgow, on her return, found her cat and the bird safe and sound. Almost a fortnight, however, after her disappearance at Glasgow, her cat brought home the bird of the cat's door of her old mistress, and drew the cage with both, but without injury to the bird. Then, but the very thing, it appeared that the cat had taken the bird from the cage, in the place of the tabby, and had carried it off, and then, in the place of the tabby, and had carried it off, and then, in the place of the tabby, and had carried it off, and then